

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA**

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MENACE OF CHRONIC DISEASES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there has been an increase in the number of people suffering from chronic diseases in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the existing healthcare facilities are not adequate to treat patients with such chronic diseases;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Government to improve the overall healthcare facilities in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Reports indicate that the number of people suffering from chronic diseases is increasing in the country. There is no structured data for the country as a whole on incidence of non-communicable diseases.

However, a World Bank sponsored study on Global Burden on disease indicates that the deaths due to non-communicable diseases have increased from 37,88,000 (40% of the total deaths) during the year 1990 to 49,50,000 (51.2%) in the Year 2000.

(c) to (e) : Healthcare services for different ailments are available to the people throughout the country through the Government health facilities at Primary Health Center, District Hospital, State Medical Colleges and National level Institutions. The facilities are reviewed from time to time under various programmes of National Rural Health Mission and the National Programme on Diabetes, Cardiovascular diseases and Stroke (NPDCS). An outlay of Rs.1660.50 crore has been provided for the NPDCS during the 11th Five Year Plan. On pilot basis, the NPDCS has been initiated in 10 districts in 10 States.